

DESCRIBING PEOPLE

AGE	BUILD	HEIGHT	HAIR COLOUR	HAIRSTYLE	FACE	Distinguishing features	Personality
young middle-aged elderly old in his/her 30's in his/her early 40's in his/her mid-20's in his/her late teens	fat thin slim plump medium-build well-built broad-shouldered overweight	1.70 m medium height average height below average tall short tallish shortish	black brown red fair blonde grey white dyed a brunette (F) a blonde (F) a redhead (F) mousey dark ginger	long short straight wavy curly neat untidy with plaits (F) a fringe swept back in a bun (F) pony-tail (F) bald (M) balding (M) thinning (M) receding (M)	thin long round oval square heart-shaped (F) high cheekbones high forehead thin lips full lips long nose straight nose turned-up nose broken nose a cleft chin a pointed chin a double chin	beard (M) moustache (M) side-burns (M) unshaven (M) clean-shaven (M) a scar a beauty-spot (F) a mole with freckles with dimples with spots with wrinkles with lines with glasses (well) made-up (F)	quiet reserved thoughtful calm moody unsociable sociable sophisticated lively cheerful amusing polite reliable talkative aggressive friendly shy warm-hearted bright
EYES	COMPLEXION	DRESS					
blue grey brown long eyelashes thick eyelashes bushy eyelashes thin eyebrows	pale sunburned/tanned olive-skinned fair-skinned Oriental brown black	smart scruffy well-dressed casual conservative elegant fashionable					

Idiomatic expressions:

apple of your eye: A person, usually a child, who is *the apple of your eye* is one for whom you have great affection. *My grandson is the apple of my eye*

chip off the old block: A person who is a *chip off the old block* resembles one of their parents in appearance, character or behaviour.

James is a chip off the old block - he reacts the same way as his father

couch potato: If you refer to someone as a *couch potato*, you criticize them for spending a lot of time sitting and watching television.

Don't be such a couch potato. There are better ways of spending your time than in front of the TV

down to earth: Someone who is *down to earth* is not a dreamer but a realistic and practical person who has sensible reactions and expectations.

Don't ask Suzy for help. She's fun, but not very down to earth.

Listen to four people talking about their friends. Look at the example. Complete the other columns.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Donna</u>	<u>Colin</u>	<u>Ianet</u>	<u>Robert</u>
Age	late teens			
Build	good figure			
Height	fairly tall			
Hair colour	black			
Hairstyle	long, wavy			
Face	heart-shaped, turned-up nose, full lips			
Eyes	blue, long eyelashes			
Complexion	olive-skinned			
Distinguishing features	dimples			
Dress				
Personality	lively, talkative			